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Report Highlights:

Post revises its MY 2004/05 rice production estimate up to 25.9 million tons and its wheat production estimate down to 1.1 million tons. The MY 2005/06 wheat production forecast is revised downward to 1.2 million tons.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Higher Boro Rice Production Offsets Flood Losses

Post revises MY 2004/05 rice production marginally upward to 25.9 million tons, following a record *Boro* (planted in December/January and harvested in April/May) harvest of 13.5 million tons, which offsets losses in the previous *Aus* and *Aman* crops. The Bangladeshi Department of Agriculture Extension and the Department of Statistics, however, provisionally estimate *Boro* production higher at 14.5 and 13.7 million tons, respectively. Post believes their estimates will be revised downward.

Although the monsoon arrived late this year, heavy rains over the last couple of weeks caused localized floods in several districts, which adversely affected the standing *Aus* crop. Nevertheless, Post forecasts 2005/06 production at 26.7 million tons, assuming a normal *Boro* crop.

Import Situation and Outlook

Continued high prices in the domestic market following last year's floods resulted in larger 2004/05 rice imports, estimated at 1.2 million tons. The Prime Minister recently asked the concerned Ministries to plan for imports of 500,000 tons of foodgrains. However, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Commerce have not yet started working on the modalities of such large quantities of imported grains. Such large import volumes may prove difficult over the short-term, due to infrastructural and financial constraints.

Wheat Production Down

Post revises its MY 2004/05 wheat production estimate down to 1.1 million tons. An acreage shift from wheat to rice to compensate for the loss in the *Aman* rice crop led to lower planted wheat area, which is currently estimated at 600,000 hectares. Hot weather during the grain formation stage resulted in lower yields.

Due to the prevailing strong domestic price for rice, and competition from other winter crops like vegetables and potatoes, wheat acreage in MY 2005/06 is unlikely to expand. Hence, Post revises its MY 2005/05 wheat production forecast downward to 1.2 million tons.

Wheat Imports

Lower than anticipated wheat production and low government carry-over stocks are likely to result in larger imports of wheat in MY 2005/06, currently forecast at 2.1 million tons. Reduced availability from India may compel Bangladeshi importers to look for wheat from other origins, such as Australia.

Table 1: Commodity, Rice Milled, PSD

PSD Table							
Country:	Bangladesh						
Commodity:	Rice, Milled						
		2003		2004		2005	UOM
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
Market Year Begin		Jul-03		Jul-04		Jul-05	(MONTH/YEAR)
Area Harvested	10,902	10,902	11,000	11,000	11,100	11,000	(1000 Hectares)
Beginning Stocks	442	470	1,044	723	569	823	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	26,152	26,152	25,500	25,900	26,500	26,700	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	39,232	39,232	38,254	38,854	39,754	40,054	(1000 MT)
Milling Rate(.9999)	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	6,666	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	850	801	725	1,200	750	800	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Imports	800	1,639	750	803	650	700	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	27,444	27,423	27,269	27,823	27,819	28,323	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jan-Dec Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	26,400	26,700	26,700	27,000	26,900	27,250	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	1,044	723	569	823	919	1,073	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	27,444	27,423	27,269	27,823	27,819	28,323	(1000 MT)

Table 2: Commodity, Rice Milled, Import Trade Matrix

Import Trade Matrix			
Country:	Bangladesh	Units:	Metric Tons
Commodity:	Rice, Milled		
Time period:			
Imports for	2003		2004
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
India	1485000	India	699000
Pakistan	28000	Pakistan	16000
Thailand	46000	Thailand	30000
Vietnam	36000	Vietnam	18000
Myanmar	4000	Myanmar	7000
Total for Others	1599000		770000
Others not listed	40000		33000
Grand Total	1639000		803000

Table 3: Commodity, Wheat, PSD

PSD Table							
Country:	Bangladesh						
Commodity:	Wheat						
		2003		2004		2005	UOM
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
Market Year Begin		Jul-03		Jul-04		Jul-05	(MONTH/YEAR)
Area Harvested	567	567	650	600	650	600	(1000 Hectares)
Beginning Stocks	310	310	208	208	208	108	(1000 MT)
Production	1253	1253	1400	1100	1400	1200	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1945	1945	2000	2000	2000	2100	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	1945	1945	2000	2000	2000	2100	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	91	106	0	80	100	100	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	3508	3508	3608	3308	3608	3408	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	3300	3300	3400	3200	3400	3250	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	208	208	208	108	208	158	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	3508	3508	3608	3308	3608	3408	(1000 MT)

Table 4: Commodity, Wheat, Import Trade Matrix

Import Trade Matrix			
Country:	Bangladesh	Units:	Metric tons
Commodity:	Wheat		
Time period:	Jul/Jun		
Imports for	2003		2004
Concessional		Concessional	
USA	106,000	USA	70,000
WFP	65,000	WFP	118,000
Australia	45,000	Australia	45,000
Canada	39,100	Canada	52,000
EU	13,000	EU	0
Commercial 1/		Commercial 1/	
India	1,384,000	India	1,100,000
Canada	78,000	Canada	100,000
Australia	174,000	Australia	300,000
Argentina	24,000	Argentina	40,000
Pakistan	20,000	Pakistan	20,000
Total for Others	1,948,100		1,845,000
Others not listed	50,000		155,000
Grand Total	1,998,100		2,000,000